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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

John Francis BOULTON

Serial No. 10/519,101  
based on Int'l Appln. PCT/AU2003/000795

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For: BRIDGING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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This is in response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed July 5, 2005,  
copy attached.

The Notification Of Missing Requirements indicates that the oath or declaration of the  
inventors must be furnished. However, as indicated by the attached copy of the date-stamped  
postcard receipt, the Declaration And Power Of Attorney and a Second Preliminary Amendment  
were filed June 23, 2005. A copy of the Transmittal Letter, Declaration and Second Preliminary  
Amendment, as filed on June 23, 2005, is attached.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that a Notice Of Acceptance and official Filing  
Receipt be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/27/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/27/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/27/2004
- Small Entity Statement filed on 12/27/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 12/27/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/27/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 12/27/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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Date: 9/5/05

Action Due: Missing Requirements

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

Atty. Dkt. 15309.0001  
Applicant: BOULTON, John  
Serial No. 10/519,101  
Date: June 23, 2005

The Patent and Trademark Office date stamped hereon is acknowledgment that the following items were received by the PTO on the date stamped:

1. Transmittal Letter Form PTO-1390
2. Declaration/POA
3. Second Preliminary Amendment
4. Return receipt postcard

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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26 June 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION

BRIDGING APPARATUS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

John Francis BOULTON

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment. (second)
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☒ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

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23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... \$400 All other situations..... \$500				\$	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$	
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